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Week of September 5 - September 11, 2005

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Unseasonably warm with little precipitation.

Dry bean and corn silage harvests pick up.

Alfalfa hay second cutting nears completion.

Daytime highs were mostly in the 80's to mid 90's, while night time temperatures were mostly in the low 40's to low 50's. Temperatures were above normal across the state. Very little precipitation fell throughout the state, with most stations receiving only a trace or none.

As of September 11, 33 percent of the State had adequate topsoil moisture, 2 points below last week. Topsoil moisture supplies were still well ahead of the 5-year average of 18 percent. Irrigation water supplies were rated adequate in 66 percent of the state, far better than last year's 39 percent and the average of 26 percent.

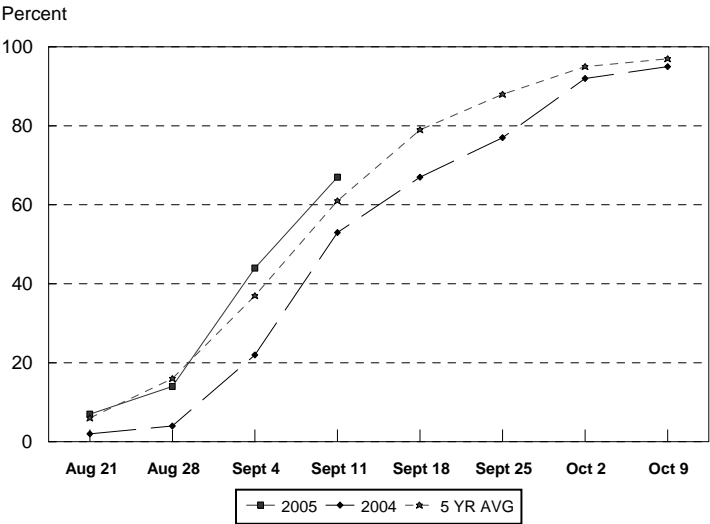
SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Percent				
Very Short	19	17	26	41
Short	48	48	43	41
Adeq	33	35	31	18
Surp	0	0	0	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Percent				
Barley Harvested	94	87	95	95
Oats Mature	99	92	94	97
Oats Harvested	89	82	80	85
Winter Wheat Planted	67	44	53	61
Winter Wheat Emerged	30	3	11	22
Corn Dough	96	79	78	89
Corn Dent	74	29	18	59
Corn Mature	11	6	0	25
Corn Silage	26	2	31	38
Dry Beans Leaves Turn	91	67	84	94

Winter Wheat Planted



Dry Beans Windrowed	41	10	29	50
Dry Beans Combined	11	5	10	25
Alfalfa Second Cut	94	82	92	94
Alfalfa Third Cut	20	11	16	33

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.7 days were suitable for field work. Winter wheat planting was 67 percent complete, 14 points ahead of last year and 6 points ahead of the average. Winter wheat emerged on 30 percent of the acreage, also ahead of last year and average. Moisture is needed to help establish growth for the winter. Barley harvest was nearly complete at 94 percent, near average pace. Oats harvest was 89 percent complete, ahead of last year by 9 points and ahead of the average by 4 points.

Sugarbeets condition remained strong with 85 percent rated good, down 1 point from last week but 10 points above last year at this time. Corn continued to fare well with 18 percent rated excellent and 68 percent good, compared with only 50 percent good last year. Ninety-six percent of the corn had reached the dough stage, 7 points ahead of average. Seventy-four percent of the corn was in the dent stage, 15 points ahead of average and 56 points ahead of last year. Corn was mature on 11 percent of the acreage. Corn was harvested for silage on 26 percent of the expected acreage, 5 points behind last year and 12 points behind average.

Dry beans remained in mostly good condition, with 86 percent rated good and only 14 percent fair. Dry bean leaves turned color on 91 percent of the acreage, 7 points ahead of last year but 3 points behind average. Forty-one percent of the dry beans were windrowed, ahead of last year by 12 points but 9 points behind average. Eleven percent of the dry beans were combined, 14 points behind average. The second cutting of alfalfa was 94 percent complete, ahead of last year by 2 points but even with the average. The third cutting of alfalfa was 20 percent complete, 4 points ahead of last year but 13 points behind average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V	POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
		Percent				
Corn	0		0	14	68	18
Sugarbeets	0		0	15	85	0
Dry Beans	0		0	14	86	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture lands were rated good or excellent in 45 percent of the state, down 2 points from last week but well ahead of last year's 12 percent and the 5-year average of 9 percent. Livestock condition was rated good or excellent in 88 percent of the state.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	3	3	41	35
Poor	13	12	27	30
Fair	39	38	20	26
Good	40	42	8	8
Excellent	5	5	4	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, September 10th, temperatures averaged from 2.2 degrees above normal in Deaver to 10.6 degrees above normal in Douglas. The high temperature was 98 in Sundance and the low was 30 in Big Piney. For the second consecutive week, there was very little precipitation reported. Rock Springs had 0.27 inches and Saratoga had 0.25 inches for the most precipitation.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

TEMPERATURE			:	PRECIPITATION					
			:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/	
			:	:	:	:	-----		
			:	:	:	:	:	NORM :	
			:	DEP. :	AMT. :	DEP. :	1/05 :	THRU :	
			:	FROM :	PAST :	FROM :	TO :	CURR :	
STATION :	MAX :	MIN :	NORM :	WEEK :	NORM :	DATE :	WEEK :	FROM :	

SNAKE DRAINAGE									
Afton	84	35	6.9	0.00	-0.35	14.01	12.82	1.20	
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE									
Uinta County AP	80	46	8.1	0.08	-0.17	7.74	7.95	-0.21	
Big Piney AP	82	30	6.9	0.09	-0.11	8.41	5.59	2.82	
Rock Springs AP	82	45	5.0	0.27	0.07	6.54	6.77	-0.23	
BIG HORN DRAINAGE									
Cody	88	44	8.1	0.00	-0.26	9.11	8.42	0.69	
Deaver	90	41	2.2	0.00	-0.13	6.60	4.51	2.09	
Greybull AP	94	46	6.3	0.01	-0.16	5.13	5.66	-0.53	
Powell Field St	90	44	5.6	0.00	-0.15	7.66	5.85	1.81	
Worland FAA AP	92	44	5.5	0.00	-0.17	5.43	6.00	-0.57	
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE									
Kaycee	92	46	7.7	0.00	-0.23	10.70	10.36	0.34	
Sheridan WSO AP	96	46	8.4	0.00	-0.28	13.53	10.94	2.59	
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE									
Dillinger	94	46	9.8	0.00	-0.23	13.89	11.60	2.29	
Sundance	98	50	10.4	0.00	-0.30	9.42	14.70	-5.28	
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE									
Newcastle	96	52	9.9	0.00	-0.29	14.31	12.73	1.58	
Redbird	94	52	10.0	0.00	-0.31	13.28	12.52	0.76	
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Archer	92	45	7.1	0.01	-0.35	13.82	13.64	0.18	
Casper AP	92	44	9.0	0.00	-0.21	8.27	9.81	-1.54	
Cheyenne AP	89	52	9.0	T	-0.35	11.93	12.76	-0.83	
Chugwater	92	50	9.1	0.00	-0.29	12.40	12.66	-0.26	
Douglas AP	94	45	10.6	T	-0.21	7.25	10.19	-2.94	
Torrington AP	96	52	9.1	0.03	-0.25	12.25	11.21	1.04	
Wheatland 4 N	95	48	6.5	0.00	-0.28	11.66	10.63	1.03	
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE									
Lander AP	89	49	8.9	0.00	-0.23	8.70	9.69	-0.98	
Riverton AP	90	51	9.8	T	-0.19	5.21	6.53	-1.32	
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Laramie AP	82	41	5.8	T	-0.25	7.66	8.89	-1.23	
Rawlins AP	85	43	5.5	T	-0.19	6.43	7.22	-0.79	
Saratoga	82	41	4.6	0.25	0.05	7.27	7.57	-0.30	

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.
AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.
1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.

